

Berwick Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Berwick Parish Council held at the Berwick Village Hall on 27th July 2017 at 7.30pm

22. Present

Cllrs Beryl Smith (Chairman), Chris Bird, V Burrough and K Winter.

Lord and Lady Lloyd, Mr Deighton (Firle Estates), Alison Stevens (Clerk) and three members of the public were also in attendance.

23. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Carnie and they were accepted by those present.

The meeting was then suspended.

24. Reports from County Councillor

There was no report from the County Councillor on this occasion.

25. Report from the District Councillor

There was no report from the District Councillor on this occasion.

26. Public Question Time

There were no questions from the public on this occasion.

The meeting was then re-opened.

27. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 22nd June 2017 (previously distributed) and Clerk's Report on any Matters Arising from those Minutes.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meetings held on 22nd June 2017 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk reported that;

- ESCC Highways has now repainted the 'Keep Clear' Markings opposite the railway station.
- She has put two notices in the Village Magazine. One asked residents whose hedging borders pedestrian pathways to kindly keep them cut back and the other advertised vacancies on the Parish Council.

28. Planning Applications

Councillors considered the following planning applications;

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SDNP/17/03333/HOUS - The Old Granary, The Village Berwick Polegate, East Sussex
BN26 6SR - Alter existing garden layout:

- 1) Extend existing small retaining wall near patio
- 2) New York stone sitting area set in grass
- 3) Extend existing veg plot from 6 to 13 raised beds
- 4) Erect a small wood greenhouse
- 5) Erect small wood shed

Berwick Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

29. Reports from Parish Councillors

i: Berwick Playing Field – The works recommended in the ROSPA Report have now been carried out.

Trees bordering the playing field need cutting back because they are encroaching onto the football pitch. Lord Lloyd, who owns the trees, said he will look into getting them cut back.

It was noted that the hedges at either end of the playing field also need cutting back. The Clerk will ask a contractors for prices for the next meeting.

ii: Highways and Transport Matters – All Highways and Transport Matters were covered elsewhere on the agenda.

30. Reports from Outside Bodies

i: Village Hall Committee – There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

ii: Cuckmere Community Bus – more drivers are needed because routes are having to be cancelled. Members have looked into the practicalities of having an electric bus but they cost twice as much as conventional buses.

iii: Tree Warden – Councillor Bird will follow up reports that ESCC will fund 25% of the cost of work required to trees which have Dutch Elm disease.

iv: Cuckmere Community Flood Forum – There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

31. Finance

i: Approval of payments and receipts – Councillors approved the following payments;

101010	Wicksteed - Play Park Repairs	£536.34
101011	A Stevens - Wages - July	£314.59
101012	ESCC Pension Contributions	£150.33
101013	Parish News - Grant Donation	£100.00
101014	Cuckmere CCB - Grant Donation	£200.00
101015	Cuckmere CFF - Grant Donation	£ 70.00
101016	Sussex Air Ambulance - Grant Donation	£150.00
101017	Victim Support Sussex - Grant Donation	£ 50.00

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101018	Wealden Citizens' Advice - Grant Donation	£ 50.00
101019	Berwick Village Hall – Hall Hire	£ 64.00
101020	ESCC – Speed Survey	£400.00

ii: Approval of Year End Account and Accounts to 30th June 2017 - Councillors resolved to approve the accounts to 30th June 2017.

32. Berwick Recreation Ground

i: Ownership sign – the wording on the sign has been approved, unfortunately the contractor has been only holiday but has promised to make and fit the sign when he returns.

ii: Hedge replacement at the entrance to the Village Hall – Mr Deighton from Firlie Estates agreed to replace the hedge of the neighbouring property to the Village Hall with a fence to improve visibility for drivers when they leave the hall.

33. Highways Updates

i: Speed Survey in Station Road – The Parish Council arranged for ESCC to carry out a speed survey in Station Road and the results were discussed by Councillors. 4579 vehicle movements were recorded in one 24 hour. Councillors resolved to carry out the Survey again in May/June next year and compare the results.

ii: Path at Bodkins – The Highways Inspector inspected the hole in the path and have asked the utility company to carry out the necessary repairs again. The Clerk will get back onto Highways.

iii: Hedge cutting at Common Lane – This has been referred to Highways.

iv: Grass cutting at Old Leylands Barn – The Highways Steward has inspected the verge and agrees the vegetation needs cutting back. A hedge cutting notice has been sent out to the owner of the hedge asking them to cut it back and the Highways Steward will inspect it again in two weeks. If it has still not been cut back and/or the owner has not contacted him, the Highways Steward will forward the complaint to Enforcement.

v: Speedwatch – A request has been received from a resident asking the Parish Council to set up a Speedwatch Team in Station Road. Councillors noted the previous Speedwatch Team disbanded because there was a lack of volunteers.

34. Fingerposts – to consider repairing the fingerpost at The Pound.

Councillors considered the price and resolved to repair the fingerpost at the Pound. ESCC has agreed to pay half the cost.

35. Questions from Parish Councillors

Councillor Burrough noted the ESCC statement on roadside mirrors at the previous meeting and asked the Clerk to chase up the repairs to the Lower Wick Street sign.

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There was no further business and this meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____

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